IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ROBIN LYNN

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This Amendment is submitted in response to Office Action dated August 22, 2006, with a shortened statutory period ending on October 22, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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